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FOR AMBASSADOR CARTER FROM ANDREW YOUNG

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TAGS: OVIP (YOUNG, ANDREW)

SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S VISIT TO AFRICA

REF: MONROVIA 713

1. UNDER ANY OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES, I WOULD BE GUIDED BY YOU AND STOP IN LIBERIA. BUT I CANNOT EXTEND MY TRIP. THE PURPOSE OF THE TRIP IS TO ATTEND THE TANZANIAN AND NIGERIAN FESTIVITIES AND NOT TO MAKE BILATERAL VISITS TO INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES. IF I WERE TO MAKE A VISIT TO LIBERIA, OTHER COUNTRIES, ESPECIALLY KENYA AND ZAIRE WHICH I AM ALSO TRANSITING, WOULD EXPECT AN EXTENDED STAY. IN ADDITION, I SIMPLY MUST RETURN TO NEW YORK TO BEGIN WORK AT THE UN AND ALSO TO BE PRESENT AT CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS ON REPEAL OF THE BYRD AMENDMENT. I INTEND TO PARTICIPATE CONFIDENTIAL

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IN THOSE HEARINGS.

2. PLEASE EXPLAIN THIS TO THE LIBERIANS IF THEY ASK YOU WHY I CANNOT MAKE A LONGER STOP. YOU CAN ADD THAT YOU ARE CERTAIN I WILL BE RETURNING TO AFRICA ON FURTHER TRIPS AND LIBERIA WILL DEFINITELY BE ON MY ITINERARY.

3. IF IT IS NOT TOO INCONVENIENT, I WOULD ENJOY SEEING YOU AT THE AIRPORT IN MONROVIA ON FEBRUARY 11. WITH THE

LATE HOUR AND THE DISTANCE TO THE AIRPORT, HOWEVER, I WILL UNDERSTAND IF YOU CANNOT MAKE IT. BEST WISHES TO YOU AND CARLYN.

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